

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 13-25 as follows:

Heretofore, in a camera apparatus by which a picture image of an object picked up by a CCD (Charge Coupled Device) is recorded in a recording medium as picture image data, the CCD has been substituted for a photo detector of an infrared remote control unit for infrared light by utilizing such fact that an image pickup device such as CCD can detect infrared light emitted from the infrared remote control unit (see paragraphs [0011] to [0013] in Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 6-22194). The apparatus involves such an advantage that a light-receiving unit for an infrared remote control unit to be equipped on a main body of the apparatus may be eliminated.

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 2-4 as follows:

FIG. 3 is a flowchart showing a control procedure according to DSP/CPU (Digital Signal Process/Central

Processing Unit) 3 in an image pick-up mode by a remote control unit;

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, line 14 to page 5, line 5 as follows:

The DSP/CPU 3 is a one-chip microcomputer having a variety of digital signal processing functions including compression/expansion of image data according to JPEG standard, besides the DSP/CPU 3 controls respective sections of the digital camera 1. To the DSP/CPU 3 is connected a TG (Timing Generator) 4 for driving the CCD 2. A unit circuit (CDS/AGC/AD) (Correlated Double Sampling/Automatic Gain Control/Analog-to-digital converter) 5 to which an image pickup signal output from the CCD 2 is to be input is connected to the TG 4. The unit circuit 5 comprises a CDS circuit for removing a noise from an output signal from the CCD 2 in accordance with correlated double sampling, an automatic gain controller (AGC) for amplifying the image pickup signal from which a noise has been removed, and an A/D converter (AD) for converting the image pickup signal which has been amplified into a digital signal. The output signal from the CCD 2 is converted into a digital signal

through the unit circuit 5, and the resulting signal is delivered to the DSP/CPU 3.

Please amend the paragraph on page 12, line 27 to page 13, line 7 as follows:

When the operation command confirmed in step SA6 is weighting AE for individual areas, the detection block and its peripheral eight blocks are set as shown in step SA9 to a higher order area A2 of eight-times weighted, its peripheral forty (maximum; however, in this example, thirty-three) blocks are set to a medium order area A3 of four-times weighted, and the other blocks are set to a lower order area A4 of non-weighted, respectively, as weighting areas in automatic exposure control as shown in FIG. 8 (step SA8). Thereafter, the processes in steps SA10 to SA13 are conducted to store image data.

Please amend the paragraph on page 18, line 26 to page 19, line 11 as follows:

In the above description, the present invention is applied to the digital camera 1. However, the present

invention may be applied to a movie camera, a cellular phone with a camera, a PDA Personal Digital Assistant with a camera, a personal computer with a camera and the like other than the digital camera. In addition, the present invention is also applicable for a silver salt camera which involves an image pickup device such as CCD, and CMOS (Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor) sensor, but does not use such device for acquiring picture images. Further, when a program contained in existing digital cameras and the like is merely modified or updated, the same operations as those of the present embodiment can be realized.